



# Downtown Gallup Tiny Art Project

## Public Art Request for Proposals:



**Background:** GallupARTS, the Gallup MainStreet Arts & Cultural District, and the City of Gallup collaborate to promote public art throughout downtown Gallup in order to create an attractive, welcoming, and safe neighborhood. The Tiny Art Project is conceived as a way to beautifying blemishes in the urban environment—think of it like the Japanese art of Kintsugi, which is the process of repairing ceramics whereby lacquer and gold are used to mend cracks, giving them a new, more refined aspect.

**Request for Proposals:** GallupARTS and Gallup MainStreet are seeking site-specific proposals from local artists for one or more of six locations identified as opportunities for the installation of artwork to “repair” wear and tear.

Six proposals will be selected (one for each location) and participating artists will each receive \$500 for their time and materials to create and install approved artworks.

Artists should understand that their work may be considered temporary if the City decides to make changes to the built environment.

### Proposal Guidelines:

Proposals will be reviewed by a representative selection committee and must receive final approval from City Council.

### The following guidelines must be met for consideration:

1. Proposals must be for one specific identified location. (Applicants can make as many proposals as they like for as many locations as they like, but each individual proposal should be for one location only.)
2. Artworks must fit within the dimensions of the location and not protrude from the built environment in any way. Installations must be set into and flush with their surroundings.
3. Subject matter of the artwork should be relevant to the local community and timeless. Artists should consider the local setting—the character, culture, history, and landscape—and weigh the long-term impact that the piece will have on the immediate environment.
4. Durability (high-quality materials, skilled installation) will be required for a successful proposal.
5. Artwork must be appropriate for all ages. The following must be avoided: obscenities, inappropriate nudity, sex or innuendo, depictions of drug and alcohol abuse, horror, racism, degradation of individuals or groups, violence, desecration of cultural symbols, profanity, gang-related imagery and copyrighted material.

### Proposal Instructions:

Complete the on-line application or download a PDF application to fill out and return to GallupARTS via email, snail mail or drop-off at ART123 Gallery.

- Complete the “Artist Information” section only one time per applicant.
- Use the “Proposal Information” section to submit as many proposals as desired per applicant. For example, an applicant may submit six proposals, one for each identified location. Or an applicant may submit three separate proposals for the same location.

### Please submit proposals:

- By email to [assistant@galluparts.org](mailto:assistant@galluparts.org)
- By mail to **Gallup ARTS/123 W. Coal Avenue / Gallup, NM 87301**
- In-person to **ART123 Gallery at 123 W. Coal Ave., open Tuesday – Saturday from 12 – 6pm**

### Timeline:

Proposals due: February 3, 2023

Selection committee review and City Council approval: February 21

Project installation: March 28 to April 6

Target “opening” date: April 8

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## LOCATIONS:

### 1. El Morro Theater

**Missing tiles in El Morro Theatre facade**  
(potentially as a series of work)

Example concepts: mosaic tile work or  
painted landscapes



### 2. Parking meter stubs

**Parking meter stubs along the sidewalk  
curb outside of Jerry's Cafe**

Example concepts: resin pours with  
pressed flowers



### 3. Courthouse Square bench

**Missing brick**

Example concepts: Mini sculpture  
garden





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## 4. Cultural Center planter

Example concepts: Paint the molded band to look like inlay jewelry



## 5. Metal Post Base

On the corner of 4th and Aztec

Example concepts: Sculpted birds added in different positions



## 6. City lot at 1st and Aztec

Missing fence post cap

Example concepts: Sculpted figurine





**Concept Sketch:**

